



# **LA PORTE 125 PARADE RULES & PROCEDURES**

**BE IN PLACE BY 9:45AM SHARP!!!**

**PARADE DATE & LOCATION:** **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at S Broadway and Fairmont Pkwy and travel to Five Points Plaza. Staging will take place at S Broadway and Fairmont beginning at 9:00am. The Parade Coordinator will issue one (1) representative a lane and parade number. You will proceed through the parade as numbered starting with one (1). The parade route is approximately .88 miles in length. Starting at Fairmont and traveling North on S Broadway and disassembling Five Points Plaza.

**PARADE TIME:** **10:00am SHARP!** You may begin **lining up as early as 9:00am** and must be checked in, issued a number and in place **no later than 9:45am**.

**DEADLINE:** Entries are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. All entries must be submitted Friday, April 28, 2017 @ 5:00pm.

**PARADE FEE:** All parade entries will be free.

**ENTRIES:** The total dimensions of an entry shall be no longer than 75 ft L, x 12 ft H x 12 ft W. All entries shall have a licensed driver. No one is permitted to leave the entry or tow vehicle to demonstrate or slow the forward movement of the parade in any way. Entries must stay in the parade line-up until completing the entire route. **DO NOT STOP to perform or pause in front of the judges or you will be asked to exit the parade route.**

**JUDGING:** Judges will be located in front of Stepping Stone Funeral Home. Judges will award the Best of Show, Best School and Best Organization based on the following criteria: overall appearance, originality/creativity, workmanship, use of materials, and theme. Winners will be announced and recognized at a City Council meeting.

**DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS:** Distribution of flyers, pamphlets and candy by hand are permitted for parade participants and spectators.

**WALKERS:** Walkers are permitted in the parade; however they must stay to the far right and left of the roadway

**MUSIC:** Please be considerate of others: no profane, violent or suggestive music is permitted. Violators will be removed from the parade route immediately.

**EQUIPMENT:** Please make sure your vehicle, generator, sound equipment, etc. is in good working order.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER:** Each entry must carry a fire extinguisher within the reach of the driver and it must be TYPE 2A: 10BC 5 Pound "All Purpose". All entries must be flame retardant either by the material used in construction, or by use of a spray-on retardant.

**ALCOHOL:** **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ENTRY OR IN THE TOW VEHICLE.** Personnel on the entry or in the tow vehicle who appear to be under the influence of alcohol will forfeit participation in the parade.

**MOVING ALONG THE ROUTE:** The speed limit during the parade is 5 mph. Please avoid gaps between your float & the float in front of you. If you stall on the parade route or stop to perform float repairs, you will be asked to exit the parade.

**END OF PARADE:** All floats must complete the route. All participants will disassemble at Five Points.

**WEATHER:** In case of severe weather, the parade will be cancelled. Updates will be posted to the website.

**OTHER ITEMS:** We reserve the right to refuse any entry to participate. How do you build a Parade Float? It's not as difficult as it looks! Check out these websites for decorating tips and instructions: [www.valleydecorating.com/paradefloat.html](http://www.valleydecorating.com/paradefloat.html), [www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Float](http://www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Float)

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